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WASHINGTON, November 19, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 13 totaled an estimated 15.2 billion ton-miles, 16.1 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 708.6 billion ton-miles, 13.3 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 13 totaled 348,842 cars, 17.5 percent below 1981, and 2.8 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 30.2 percent in the East, 13.7 percent in the South, and 10.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Sixteen of the 21 groups decreased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 6 totaled 40,631 cars, up 10.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 72,025 trailers and/or containers, 9.6 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of the year was 1,659,948 cars, 9.4 percent higher than last year, and 2,923,500 trailers and/or containers, up 7.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/13/82:

	<u>Loadings in</u> <u>Week ended</u> <u>November 13, 1982</u>			<u>Change from</u> <u>Corresponding</u> <u>Week 1981</u>		<u>Change from</u> <u>Preceding</u> <u>Week</u>	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	26,343	D		635	2.4	D	2,411 8.4
Other farm products	7,455	I		924	14.1	I	784 11.8
Metallic ores	12,944	D		11,601	47.3	I	1,372 11.9
Coal	103,933	D		32,307	23.7	D	4,195 3.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,543	D		1,044	9.9	D	24 0.3
Nonmetallic minerals	9,458	D		700	6.9	I	606 6.8
Grain mill products	11,662	D		2,297	16.5	D	281 2.4
Food and kindred products	12,785	D		1,537	10.7	D	622 4.6
Primary forest products	14,730	D		3,069	17.2	I	279 1.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,051	I		310	5.4	D	33 0.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	14,695	D		2,710	15.6	D	998 6.4
Chemicals and allied products	19,756	D		4,574	18.8	D	1,088 5.2
Petroleum products	4,518	D		501	10.0	D	18 0.4
Stone, clay and glass products	9,495	D		2,548	21.2	D	516 5.2
Coke	3,460	D		2,744	44.2	D	291 7.8
Metals and products	6,950	D		5,690	45.0	D	242 3.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,726	D		2,246	15.0	D	183 1.4
Waste and scrap materials	7,405	D		3,164	29.9	I	74 1.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,404	D		1,893	20.4	D	466 5.9
All other carloads	47,367	I		3,942	9.1	D	1,775 3.6
LCL traffic	162	D		75	31.6	D	13 7.4
Total Cars Loaded	348,842	D		74,159	17.5	D	10,041 2.8
Corresponding week of 1981	423,001						

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (46 weeks)	16,648,452	19,421,748	D 14.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
45 Weeks cumulative	693.4	799.6	D 13.3
Week ended November 13	15.2	18.1	D 16.1
46 Weeks cumulative	708.6	817.7	D 13.3